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**Finding Aid for
Worcester State University
Chess Club Collection**

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Worcester State University Library

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COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Call Number	WSU.0038
Repository	Archives and Special Collections, Worcester State University
Location	Learning Resource Center, L-328A
Title	Worcester State University Chess Club Collection
Date range	1991-2019, n.d.
Extent:	2 linear feet
Creator(s)	Worcester State University Chess Club and other creators as indicated.
Language(s)	English
Abstract	Materials related to events and programming by the Chess Club at Worcester State University.

ACCESS AND USE INFORMATION

Physical Access	Materials are available for use only in the Archives Reading Room (L-328A). Users must handle materials with clean hands.
Copyright and ownership	Researchers are responsible to obtain appropriate permissions before republishing materials under copyright.
Citation format	[Box number, folder number] Worcester State University Chess Club Collection, Archives and Special Collections, Worcester State University Library.

ACQUISITION AND PROCESSING INFORMATION

Accession number(s)	ACC.2021.007
Provenance	Materials were assembled by faculty advisor Bill Shakalis and donated to the archives in 2021.
Processing information	Materials were removed from original boxes and placed into acid-free containers. Original order was largely retained.
Biographical and historical information	These materials are from the Worcester Chess Club that was started in October 2011. A chess club existed in the 1970s and 1980s and became defunct after a time when faculty advisors retired. The new club's charter was ratified on February 17, 2012. Bill Shakalis, librarian, was the force behind the new club's establishment and served as its advisor until his retirement in January 2021.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection documents the activities and administration of the WSU Chess Club from 2011 to 2019.

ARRANGEMENT

This collection is arranged in four series. Original order was preserved as much as possible. Materials are arranged within each series alphabetically by record type or name; and then chronologically. Materials without clear dates are indicated with the abbreviation "n.d." Some materials containing personal information are closed.

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| Series I | Administration, 1991-2019, n.d.
Includes materials such as founding documents, correspondence, governance materials, meeting minutes, chess-related articles and items related to student club advising at WSU. |
| Series II | People, 2003-2013, n.d. |

Includes materials related to club advisor William Shakalis and chess champion John Curdo.

Series III **Promotion, 2011-2016, n.d.**
Includes flyers and other promotional materials.

Series IV **Tournaments, 2012-2019**
Includes financial documents, planning documents, promotional flyers, and tournament results

Organizations
Worcester State College
Worcester State University

General Teachers' Colleges—Massachusetts—History
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Student Organizations—United States

RELATED COLLECTIONS

WSU.0018 Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society
WSU.0036 Enactus Student Organization
WSU.0045 Amnesty International Student Organization

DESCRIPTIVE INVENTORY

SERIES I **Administration, 1991-2019, n.d.**
1.1 Administration, Articles, 2011-2016, n.d.
1.2 Administration, Chess Club, 2006-2013, n.d.*
1.3 Administration, Chess Club, 2014-2019, n.d.
1.4 Administration, Chess Club, Correspondence, 2011-2103
1.5 Administration, Chess Club, Financial, 2011-2018, n.d.
1.6 Administration, Chess Club, Other, 2008-2018, n.d.
2.1 Administration, Club Advisory, 2011-2019, n.d.
2.2 Administration, Club Advisory Packet, 2016

2.3 Administration, Student Clubs, 1991-2012, n.d.

SERIES II People, 2003-2013, n.d.

2.4 Curdo, John, 2003-2013, n.d.

2.6 Shakalis, William, 2011-2012, n.d.

Series III Promotion, 2011-2016, n.d.

2.5 Promotion, Chess Club, 2011-2016, n.d.

Series IV Tournaments, 2012-2019

2.7 Tournaments, Chess Club, 2012-2019

* Note: Some materials in this folder are closed.